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Subject: Reported Arrival of Ante PAVELIC in Argentina Report No: TAB-1306
Place Acquired: Buenos Aires Date of Information: Current
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Source: A person who is familiar with the local Yugoslav colony. Date of Report: 2 December 1948

1. Ante PAVELIC, former head of the Independent State of Croatia and pro-Nazi war criminal, is reported to have arrived in Buenos Aires on board the Italian ship SS SESTRIERE which docked on 6 November from Genoa, Italy.
2. PAVELIC traveled under an unidentified assumed name, as an engineer, on International Red Cross documents. On board, he was disguised by a heavy beard and a moustache. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, he is said to have shaved both beard and moustache.
3. Ivica ERKOVIC, Vjekoslav VRANCIC and Jozo DEMANZIC had been secretly advised by Father Stjepan DRAGANOVIC from Rome that PAVELIC was sailing for Argentina on the SS SESTRIERE.
4. For a few months prior to his departure from Italy, PAVELIC stayed at a monastery by Castel Gondolfo near Rome, the Pope's summer home. With Father DRAGANOVIC's help, subject made his way to Genoa from whence he came to Argentina.
5. Shortly after his arrival in Buenos Aires, PAVELIC held two long conferences with Brando BENZONI, in which the latter, speaking in the name of the Argentine government, extended full help and cooperation. Later, subject received VRANCIC, DEMANZIC, Fnu TUKINA, Father Vlado BILOBRK, Fnu SUSIC and the two editors of the bi-weekly newspaper "Croatia", Ivan NEVISTIC and Vinko NIKOLIC.
6. In his first meeting with his followers in Argentina, PAVELIC urged the Ustashi to stand together and work for the restoration of the "Independent State of Croatia". He added that there is no assurance that Dr. Vlatko MACEK will work for a free Croatia.
7. After several days in Buenos Aires, subject, accompanied by VRANCIC, left for the interior. Some say that they went

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to Cordoba, but source is of the opinion that PAVELIC may be in Tandil in the Province of Buenos Aires, 330 kilometers south of the City of Buenos Aires. This belief is supported by the fact that a staunch follower of PAVELIC, Enix VOLLUGGI, a Croat engineer, suddenly left Buenos Aires for Tandil.

8. PAVELIC's first steps upon arrival in Argentina indicate that he plans to become politically active. If such is the case, source believes he will exercise considerable influence over local Jugoslav immigrants, especially the Croats and Ustashi. Source states that PAVELIC is convinced that he has a mission to perform, and that he and his followers still regard him as the "Poglavnik" or chief of state.

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